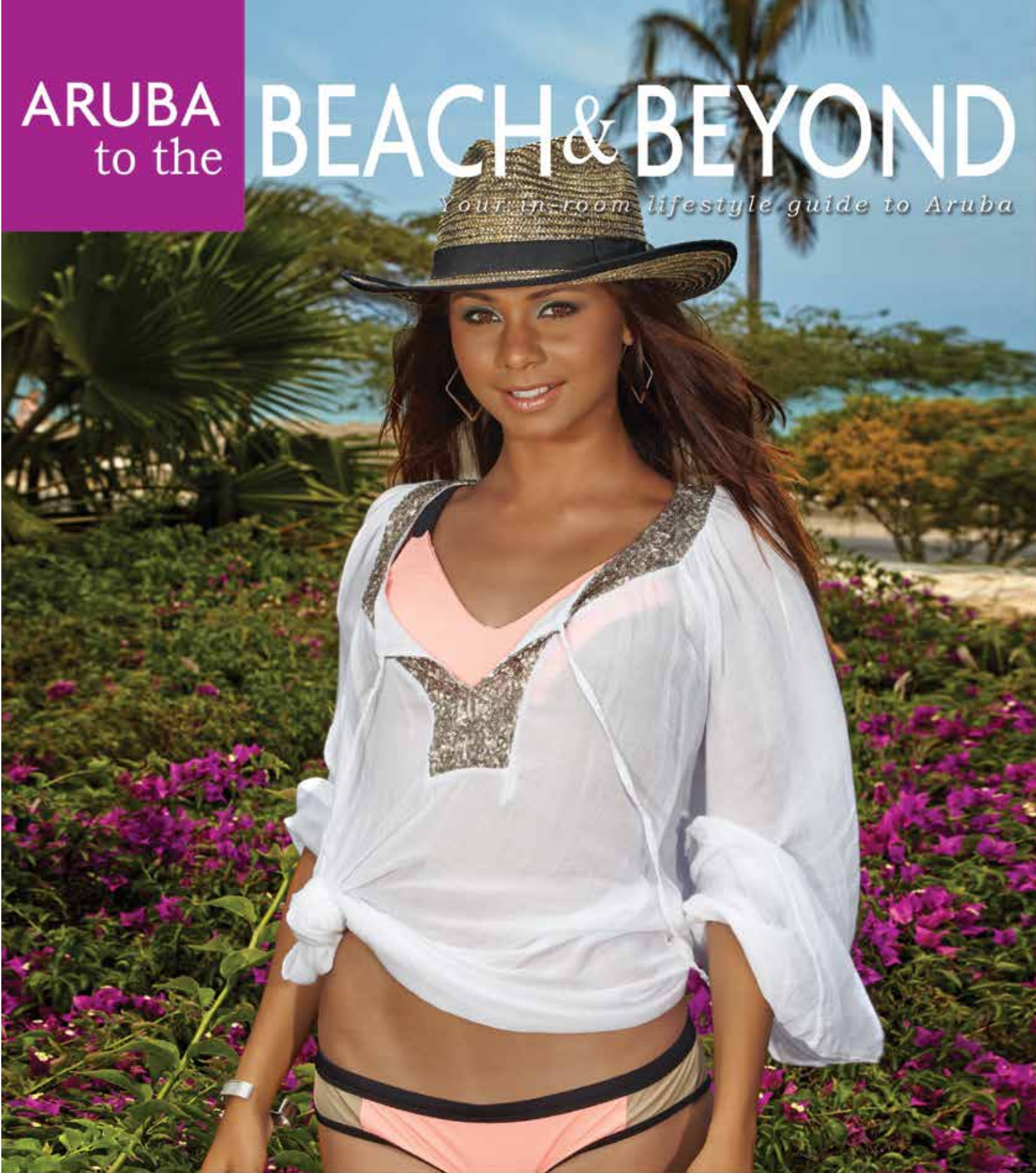


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**The Sands Eatery** • Ext. 6842 / 6843

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**La Vista** • Ext. 6312

Open daily 7 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

For breakfast, lunch and dinner enjoy dining at La Vista Restaurant. An open-air terrace provides outdoor seating with an ocean view, while inside the spacious oceanfront restaurant offers cozy booths as well as large tables, perfect for family style meals. Enjoy themed buffets nightly savoring on exquisite land and sea options, live cooking stations and a delightful selection of desserts. On Mondays and Thursdays, be dazzled by a spectacular Caribbean and Carnival show.

**The Lobby Cafe** • Ext. 6348

Open 24 hours

Stop in for fresh deli sandwiches and pastries, accompanied by freshly brewed Costa Rican coffee and ice cream.

**Lobby Bar** • Ext. 6580

The circular bar located in the center of the lobby offers 360 degrees of food, fun and drinks from 12 pm until 1 am daily, with live entertainment every Wednesday and Saturday.

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### Waves Beach Bar & Grill • Ext. 6344

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For information on other island activities, nightlife, dining, events, tours, golf, etc visit the De Palm Tours desk as well. For activities on site, we have provided a copy of the Activity Navigator in your villa. Join our staff for some daily fun.

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#### **Matey's Hall Kids Club • Ext. 6253**

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#### **Table Tennis**

Table and equipment is available by the Recreation/Activities Hut next to the Sands Eatery Restaurant. Open from: 7am to 7pm

#### **Putting Green**

Equipment is available at the Recreation/Activities Hut next to the Sands Eatery Restaurant. Open from 7am to 7pm

#### **Shuffle Board**

Located in front of the south side of the building right behind the juice bar. Equipment is available at the Activities/Recreation hut. Open from: 7am to 7pm

#### **Tennis Courts/Basketball court • Ext. 6592**

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#### **Activities Center • Ext. 6253**

Located at the adjacent Marriott's Aruba Surf Club.

#### **Activities Tent**

Enjoy a variety of activities throughout the day. Located across the Sand Eatery Restaurant on the pool side.

#### **Billiard Tables**

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#### **Barbecue Grills**

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#### **Marriott's Beach & Pool**

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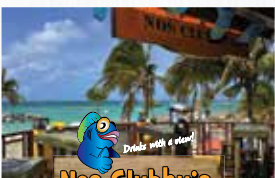
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# Calendar of Events



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### January 1 • NEW YEAR'S DAY

Aruba welcomes the New Year with traditional music and an amazing island-wide display of fireworks. With the pop of the champagne cork at midnight, troupes of traveling musicians, known as “Dande” groups, brighten the New Year with song, bestowing blessings of goodwill and prosperity upon the local community. Aruba’s joyous holiday atmosphere can be enjoyed with just a simple evening on the beach under the stars and fireworks, or at one of the glitzy gala receptions held at various island resorts.

### January-February • ARUBA'S 62nd CARNIVAL CELEBRATION

Aruba’s biggest party of the year is a monthlong celebration consisting of festive “jump-ups” (street parties), spectacular parades, and musical events. Dazzling costumes and music play a central role in events ranging from the queen elections to the Grand Parades, which wind their way down the streets of San Nicolas and Oranjestad to the delight of thousands of spectators. The Grand Parade in Oranjestad will take place February 7, 2016.

### January 2 • ARUBA'S TORCH PARADE

Originally organized by the Tivoli Club, Aruba’s oldest social club, the Torch Parade is now the official opening parade on the Carnival organizer’s (SMAC) schedule. The tradition continues with bright lights leading the way down the streets of Oranjestad. The parade begins at 8 p.m. and sets the pace for the festivities to come in the following weeks.

### January 15 • CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CARNIVAL QUEEN ELECTION

Carnival excitement builds as Aruba elects its first queens of the season. Contestants in the Children’s Carnival Queen Election are 6-9 years of age. Youth Carnival Queen contestants are aged 13-17. All demonstrate their Carnival spirit through dance performances, speeches, and Carnival shows. Venue: Aruba Entertainment Center at 7:00 p.m.

### January 20-21 • PRE-FINAL ARUBA CAISO & SOCA MONARCH 2016

Setting the tone for the music of the new Carnival season,

hundreds of talented locals compete for entry into the grand finals for King or Queen of Aruba’s Calypso and Road March.

Venue: Carnival Village in San Nicolas at 8 p.m.

### January 22 • CARNIVAL QUEEN AND MRS. CARNIVAL ELECTION

During a fun-filled event, Aruba elects its two most important Carnival representatives: the Aruba Carnival Queen and Mrs. Carnival. Contestants of the Aruba Carnival Queen Election are between the ages of 17 and 25, while the Mrs. Carnival contestants are more experienced participants—young at heart and full of pride—representing districts, schools, and social clubs on the island. Marked by lavish production numbers, the election is judged by a panel of local and international judges. Highlights of this festive election event include skits and joyful displays of Carnival costumes and dance. Venue: Aruba Entertainment Center at 7:30 p.m.

### January 23 • CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL PARADE IN NOORD

The district of Noord demonstrates its Carnival spirit with the presentation of its own children’s parade. Children representing elementary schools and social clubs participate in vibrant interpretations of different themes. This event starts at 1 p.m.

### January 23 • GRAND FINAL ARUBA CAISO & SOCA MONARCH 2016

Attracting more than 10,000 spectators, one of the most exciting and popular local music festivals is the annual Calypso and Road March contest. This festival is your best bet for enjoying imaginative music of the people, by the people, and for the people. Original musical compositions and lyrics are presented with the social commentary of Calypso or the catchy beat of Road March, helping to define the Carnival season. The most popular songs will be featured in the upcoming jump-ups and parades. Venue: Carnival Village in San Nicolas at 8 p.m.

### January 24 • CHILDREN'S GRAND CARNIVAL PARADE IN ORANJESTAD

The island’s various Carnival groups come together to form the largest children’s parade of the season, Aruba’s 37th Children’s Grand Carnival Parade. Hundreds of children enjoy





the opportunity to show off their dancing skills and colorful costumes. Held in downtown Oranjestad, the event begins at 1 p.m.

#### January 25 • **BETICO CROES DAY**

Aruba pays tribute to its greatest statesman on his birthday. The late Gilberto Francois “Betico” Croes helped Aruba obtain its “Status Aparte” (separate status) within the Dutch Kingdom. This official holiday features various cultural and sporting events, as well as popular games held at various venues on the island.

#### January 25 • **BETICO CROES MEMORIAL 10K RUN & 5K FUN WALK**

Calling all runners! Betico Croes’ hometown of Santa Cruz sponsors an amateur road race through the hilly, scenic terrain of that area. The circular route takes runners through residential neighborhoods and back to the main intersection of Santa Cruz. Avoiding the hotter hours of the day, the starting pistol sounds at 6:00 p.m. Open registration through IBISA at Tel. (297)-582-4987, Fax (297)-583-6478, or [ibisaaruba@gmail.com](mailto:ibisaaruba@gmail.com).

#### January 30 • **JOUVERT MORNING**

An open invitation to Aruba’s largest “jump-up” is extended to Carnival enthusiasts throughout the island. During Jouvert Morning, popularly known as the “pajama party,” thousands of people gather in San Nicolas to follow the various live-music caravans down the city streets. Set the alarm clock! This exciting jump-up begins at 4 a.m. and continues until sunrise.

#### January 30 • **ARUBA’S LIGHTING PARADE**

Aruba’s favorite evening Carnival parade is a visual treat. Thousands of tiny lights are incorporated into costumes, road pieces, and floats, heightening the dramatic effect of an already stunning and creative display. Live bands accompany the various participating Carnival groups. Held in downtown Oranjestad, the parade begins at 8 p.m.

#### January 31 • **CHILDREN’S CARNIVAL PARADE IN SAN NICOLAS**

Aruba’s youngest Carnival enthusiasts take center stage as they parade down the streets of San Nicolas dressed in colorful costumes representing various themes. The parade starts at noon in downtown San Nicolas.

#### January 31 • **OLD MASK PARADE AND BURNING OF KING MOMITO**

The end of the Carnival season is first marked in San Nicolas with a parade ending in the symbolic burning of “King Momito.” This event takes place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

#### February 4 • **SAN NICOLAS LIGHTING PARADE**

Although not as extravagant as the Oranjestad version of the parade, the San Nicolas Lighting Parade is no less jubilant in its presentation of dance, music, and Carnival spirit. The parade starts at 8 p.m.

#### February 6 • **SAN NICOLAS GRAND CARNIVAL PARADE**

This is a prelude to the Grand Carnival Parade in Oranjestad. Local musicians create an exceptional ambiance in San Nicolas by playing their latest Carnival hits to the delight of hundreds of marchers dressed in resplendent costumes. Beautifully decorated themed floats accompanied by their floor members parade through the streets of San Nicolas until sunset. This parade starts at noon in San Nicolas.

#### February 7 • **ARUBA’S 62nd GRAND CARNIVAL PARADE**

The largest Carnival parade is the Grand Parade through Oranjestad, held on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. This parade is filled with unforgettable music, spectacular floats, and original costumes decorated with colorful stones, sequins, and feathers, creating a unique display. This event starts at 10 a.m. in Oranjestad and continues into the early evening hours.

#### February 8 • **CARNIVAL MONDAY**

Official holiday.



#### February 8 • OLD MASK PARADE & BURNING OF KING MOMO

Carnival 62 comes to an official end on the eve of Ash Wednesday with the burning of “King Momo.” This is preceded by a parade throughout the streets of Oranjestad. The parade starts at 8 p.m.

#### February 10 • ASH WEDNESDAY

This Christian event is prominently marked on the island at our many Catholic churches and begins the official start of the Lenten season. Locally, Ash Wednesday also represents the end of the Carnival season.

In 2017 and 2018, the Grand Parades will take place on Sunday, February 26, and Sunday, February 11, respectively. Contact the Aruba Carnival Organizer (SMAC) at Tel. (297) 592-8792 or [info@smacaruba.com](mailto:info@smacaruba.com) for additional information.

#### March 13 • 31st ARUBA INTERNATIONAL HALF MARATHON (21K)

International competitors participate in Aruba’s longest road race covering the length of the island from San Nicolas to Oranjestad. The race begins at 5:00 a.m. Registration on Feb. 8, 2016. Contact IBISA at Tel. (297) 582-4987, Fax (297) 583-6478, or [ibisaaruba@gmail.com](mailto:ibisaaruba@gmail.com) / [juan.dake@aruba.gov.aw](mailto:juan.dake@aruba.gov.aw) for additional information or registration.

#### March 18 • NATIONAL FLAG AND ANTHEM DAY

A strong sense of pride is displayed each year as Arubans celebrate their “Status Aparte” and the Flag and Anthem Day. An impressive folkloric production marking the holiday is held each year at Plaza Betico Croes in Oranjestad. This official holiday also features many cultural events showcasing the local gastronomy of Aruba, as well as sporting events and organized games for both adults and kids around the island.

#### March 25 • GOOD FRIDAY

Official holiday.

#### March 27-28 • EASTER SUNDAY AND EASTER MONDAY

Official holidays.

#### April 20-25 • CARDBOARD WORKSHOP

This public awareness campaign for adults and kids promotes the collection and re-use of old articles to create recycled art. Last day for registration is April 10. Contact AHATA at Tel. (297) 582-2607, Fax (297) 582-4202, or [vanessa@ahata.com](mailto:vanessa@ahata.com).

#### April 22 • EARTH DAY

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life, and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network (EDN) works with over 22,000 partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify, and mobilize the environmental movement. Here on Aruba, many resorts and businesses celebrate Earth Day with interactive events and activities to promote awareness.

#### April 24 • 56th INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD RACE (10K)

Aruba’s most popular running race draws over 200 competitors from countries including Aruba, Venezuela, Colombia, the Netherlands Antilles, USA, and Holland. The 10K event starts at 5:30 p.m. on L.G. Smith Blvd. and ends at the Marriott parking lot. Entry forms will be issued in February. Contact Vanessa Tromp at Tel. (297) 593-5801 or [arruwac@gmail.com](mailto:arruwac@gmail.com) for additional information.

#### April 27 • KING’S BIRTHDAY

An official government ceremony in honor of King Willem Alexander is followed by numerous sporting events and family-friendly celebrations. Sports competitions, kite-flying contests, and fun-filled activities are held at various sites including community centers.

#### May 1 • LABOR DAY

Official holiday.

#### May 5 • ASCENSION DAY

Official holiday.

#### May 25-30 • 16th EDITION ARUBA SOUL BEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2016

Held on Memorial Day holiday weekend, the Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival is a star-studded, two-night concert series





that has featured such artists as Mary J. Blige, Tony Braxton, Alicia Keys, Sinbad, Jennifer Hudson, Ne-yo, Babyface, Robin Thicke, Charlie Wilson, and Trey Songz. Venue: Harbor Arena. Contact Aruba Tourism Authority at Tel. (297) 582-3777 or Fax (297) 583-7403, or visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) / [www.soulbeach.net](http://www.soulbeach.net) for additional information.

#### **June 24 • DERA GAI (ST. JOHN'S DAY)**

Aruba's harvest festival is now a cultural celebration featuring traditional song and dance. The symbol of the rooster and bright yellow and red costumes are central to events held at various locations including community centers. Tel. (297) 582-2185 / [www.gobierno.aw](http://www.gobierno.aw).

#### **June 26 • 30th ARUBA TRIATHLON OLYMPIC**

International competitors participate in a triathlon comprised of a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike race, and 10 km run. Beginners can test their endurance in the triathlon of a 750 m swim, 20 km bike race, and 5 km run. Beginning at Eagle Beach, the event is planned on a safe and closed circuit. More than 100 athletes are expected to participate in this event hosted by the Aruba Triathlon Association. For registration and information contact Glenda Croes-Tromp at Tel. (297) 594-0067 or [arubatriathlon@hotmail.com](mailto:arubatriathlon@hotmail.com) / [Glenda\\_croes@hotmail.com](mailto:Glenda_croes@hotmail.com) or visit [www.arubatriathlon.com](http://www.arubatriathlon.com).

#### **July 1-2 • ARUBA SUMMER FESTIVAL 2016**

This second edition of a two-day festival features exciting artists never before seen live in Aruba. Last year's edition featured artists like Nicky Jam, Jerry Rivera, Elvis Crespo, Carlos Vives, and Pitbull. Packages for the festival are available. Email Loco Lobo Productions at [diarioaruba@yahoo.com](mailto:diarioaruba@yahoo.com) for additional information.

#### **July 6-11 • 30th ANNUAL ARUBA HI-WINDS**

Aruba's trade winds provide the perfect conditions for the largest amateur windsurfing event in the Caribbean. Exciting windsurfing and kite boarding competitions in various

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#### **August 12-14 • ARUBA INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 2016**

This sailing event features fun, action, and competitions among international yachts, catamarans, Sunfish, and windsurfers during the day, combined with music, parties, and dinners at night. Contact the Organizing Committee at Tel. (297) 565-6887 or [eric@aruba-regatta.com](mailto:eric@aruba-regatta.com), or visit [www.arubaregatta.com](http://www.arubaregatta.com) for registration and additional information.

#### **August 19-21 • 22nd ANNUAL ARUBA INTERNATIONAL PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Professional and amateur golfers team up in a two-day, 36-hole tournament featuring gifts, prizes, and special events. Contact Tierra Del Sol at Tel. (297) 586-7800, Fax (297) 586-4970, or [teetime@tierradelsol.com](mailto:teetime@tierradelsol.com) for more information.

#### **August 27-28 • ONE COOL SUMMER INTERNATIONAL DRAG RACE**

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#### **September 4 • 36th TURIBANA TO SANTA CRUZ 10K RACE**

A unique way to experience an Aruban sunrise is during this open road race that starts at 5:30 a.m. at Panaderia del Campo in Noord and finishes at the Betico Croes Sports Complex in Santa Cruz. Registration begins on August 20, 2016. Contact IBISA at Tel. (297) 582-4987, Fax (297) 583-6478, or [ibisaaruba@gmail.com](mailto:ibisaaruba@gmail.com) for additional information or registration.

#### **September • 23rd ANNUAL ARUBA REEF CARE PROJECT**

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#### **September 23-24 • 10th ANNUAL CARIBBEAN SEA JAZZ FESTIVAL ARUBA 2016**

This annual festival ignites Aruba's music scene with an impressive lineup of international and local jazz, Latin, soul, and funk musicians at Renaissance Marketplace. It is not only about music; the vibrating atmosphere, food stands, and numerous bars make this an unforgettable, unique experience. There is a four-day warm-up preceding the festival held at smaller, intimate venues. Famous featured artists at past festivals include George Benson, Marcus Miller, Candy Dulfer, David Sanborn, Chakan Khan, Oscar d' Leon, El Gran Combo de Puerto Rico, Prince Royce, Grupo Niche, and Earth, Wind & Fire Experience. Contact Caribbean Sea Foundation at Tel. (297) 588-0211 or [info@caribbeanseajazz.com](mailto:info@caribbeanseajazz.com) or visit [www.caribbeanseajazz.com](http://www.caribbeanseajazz.com) for additional information. Venue: Renaissance Marketplace downtown

#### **October 2 • 32nd FIRE PREVENTION 10K & 5K RUN**

Don't forget to pack your running shoes! This race is open to all local and visiting runners (and walkers!), and follows a circular route that begins and ends at the Fire House in Tanki Flip. The race begins at 4:00 p.m. Registration begins on September 24, 2016. Contact IBISA at Tel. (297) 582-4987, Fax (297) 583-6478, or [ibisaaruba@gmail.com](mailto:ibisaaruba@gmail.com) for additional information or registration.

#### **October 3-16 • RESTAURANT WEEK**

Indulge in the island's zesty flavors at the Eat Local Restaurant Week with more than 60 restaurants participating, offering critics, wine connoisseurs, foodies, and everyone in between the chance to sample Aruba's diverse culinary heritage. Contact

the Aruba Tourism Authority at Tel. (297) 582-3777 or Fax (297) 583-7403, or visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) for additional information.

#### **October 13 • ISLAND TEMPTATIONS' BARTENDERS' BRAWL**

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#### **October 14 • ISLAND TEMPTATIONS' IRON CHEF ARUBA**

Produced by *Island Temptations*, Aruba's premier lifestyle magazine, this exciting culinary event puts three of the island's top chefs on stage for an exciting mystery basket challenge. Guests attending the event enjoy a four-course dinner with wine pairings by the island's up-and-coming wine professionals. For more information, contact *Island Temptations* at [info@island-temptations.com](mailto:info@island-temptations.com).

#### **October • INTERPASO 2016**

Interpaso in Aruba is a showdown of the best Paso Fino horses from Latin America and the Caribbean competing in different categories. Interpaso is organized by OCA, the Aruban Horse Riding Organization. A must-see if you enjoy Paso Fino show horses, horse riding, horse competitions, and an exciting, local ambiance! Contact Mr. Alex Cybul at Tel. (297) 594-2495 or [ocaboard@ocaruba.com](mailto:ocaboard@ocaruba.com) for additional information.

#### **Oct. 26-Nov. 1 • ARUBA INTERNATIONAL BIKE WEEK**

Didn't bring your Harley with you? No worries—just watching hundreds of bikes parade around the island is a remarkable sight to see! This annual international bike event attracts bikers from several countries who ship their motorcycles here to participate in the festivities. Contact Mr. Rudy Croes at Tel. (297) 593-5344 or [croesrudy@gmail.com](mailto:croesrudy@gmail.com), or Mr. Nahar at Tel. (297) 593-0014 or [ttt.riders.aruba@gmail.com](mailto:ttt.riders.aruba@gmail.com).

#### **November 7 • 14th ANNUAL NATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP**

Sponsored by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association, this





national cleanup day concentrates on areas near and along the coastline. Contact AHATA at Tel. (297) 582-2607, Fax (297) 582-4202, or [vanessa@ahata.com](mailto:vanessa@ahata.com) for more information.

### **November 13-20 • 10th EDITION ARUBA INTERNATIONAL BEACH TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Aruba's international beach tennis event is the premier tournament in the Caribbean. International beach tennis pros and amateurs travel from around the world to compete in the prestigious tournament and take part in the festive beach-chic ambiance on gorgeous Eagle Beach. Contact Sjoerd de Vries at Tel. (297) 593-6512 or Aruba Tennis at Tel. (297) 583-7074, Fax (297) 588-4278, or [sjoerd@tennisaruba.com](mailto:sjoerd@tennisaruba.com), or visit [www.arubabeachtennis.com](http://www.arubabeachtennis.com) for additional information.

### **December 5 • SAINT NICOLAS DAY**

Aruba's children line Oranjestad's harbor for the ceremonious arrival by boat of "Sinterklaas" (Saint Nicolas), dressed in bishop's robes and accompanied by his "Zwarte Pieten" (helpers). For days before Sinterklaas' birthday on December 5, children leave out their shoes and treats for Sinterklaas' white horse in anticipation of his nighttime visit and gifts. Sinterklaas and his helpers appear at many daytime events throughout the island.

### **December 25 • CHRISTMAS**

Official holiday.

### **December 26 • BOXING DAY**

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### **December 27 • DANDE FESTIVAL**

In Aruba's biggest traditional musical event, more than 50 singers accompanied by typical musical groups present their original compositions and lyrics as well as the traditional Dande song. A Dande group is a troupe of traveling musicians brightening the New Year with a song bestowing blessings, goodwill, and prosperity. Venue: TBA at 8 p.m.

## **Weekly Events**

### **BONBINI FESTIVAL**

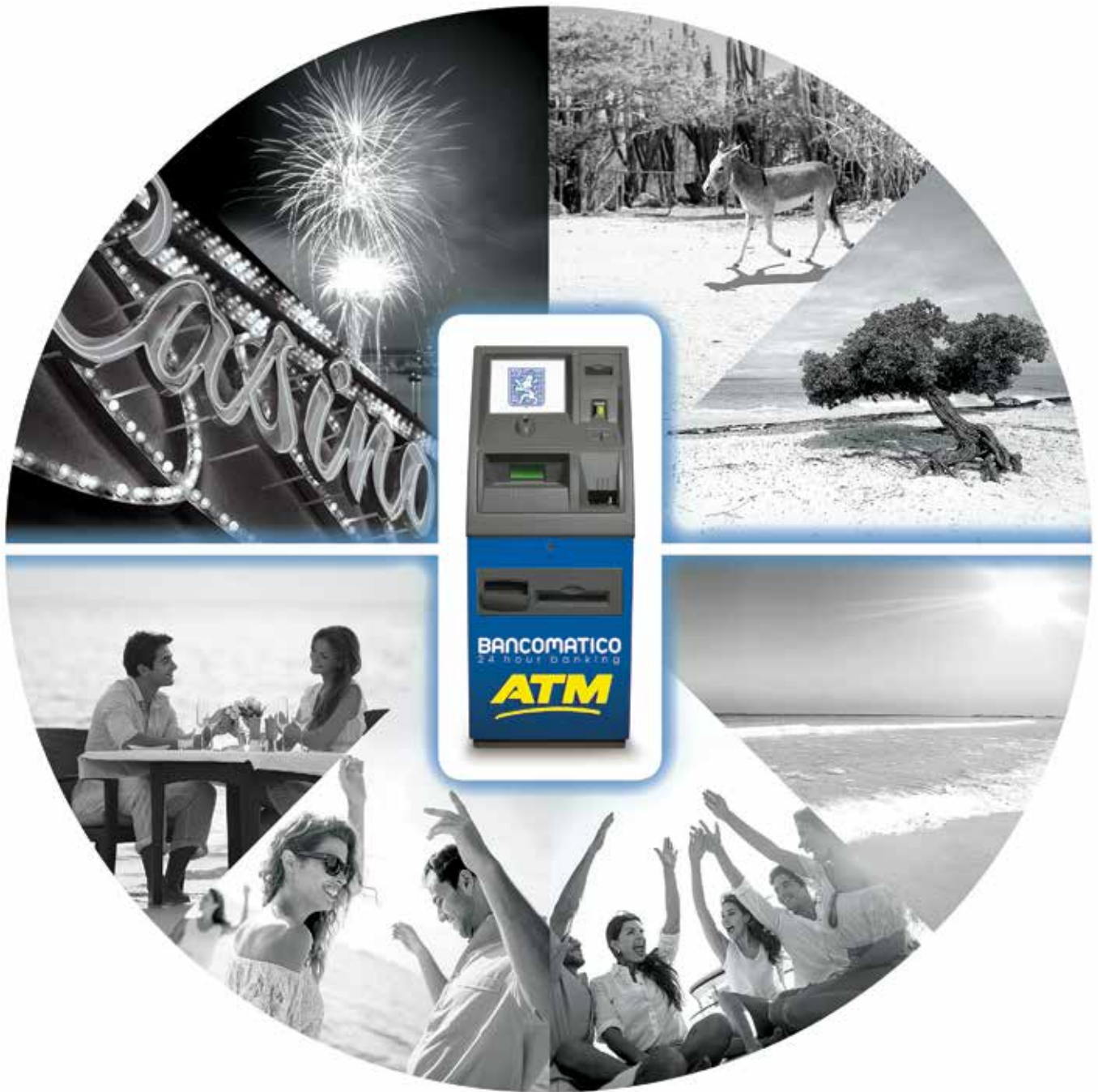
Bonbini means "Welcome!" in Papiamentu, and this weekly folkloric music and dance festival is the perfect introduction to the warmth and hospitality of Aruba's people. The Bonbini Festival takes place in downtown Oranjestad in the outdoor courtyard of Fort Zoutman, Aruba's oldest building. Catch the flavor of the island, its history, people, music, and cuisine during this entertaining event held every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### **SHOPPING BAZAAR**

Shopping hours are extended on Main Street (Caya Betico Croes) during various holidays and celebrations. Shopping Night every Wednesday, 6-9 pm. Live music and folkloric shows, 7-9 pm.

### **CARUBBIAN FESTIVAL**

The Carubbian Festival takes place in San Nicolas every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., showcasing the multicultural charms of Aruba's "Sunrise City." The center of activities is a stage area around which the audience can relax and enjoy a taste of delicious Aruban and Caribbean cuisine and a parade of local entertainers. Closed to traffic, the main street is a pedestrian mall filled with colorful booths selling food, handicrafts, and souvenirs, with fun activities for the whole family. Packages including round-trip transportation are sold at hotels.



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# BEACHY

## Basics

The staple of an average wardrobe on Aruba is undoubtedly swimwear. Many islanders boast dozens of swimsuits with plenty of accessories to make a fashion statement, whether on the beach, by the pool, or at a beachside café or bar.

One of Aruba's largest and most popular beach fashion "go-tos" is Coconuts by De Palm. Carrying major swimwear brands as well as unique boutique brands, Coconuts also features just about any accessory needed to complete your look.

Coconuts' signature line of beach fashions: The Biba Dushi (meaning "sweet life" in Papiamentu) brand is unique to Aruba, with a line of tee shirts in a variety of styles, sweatshirts, jackets, shorts, flip-flops, hats, and more...it's the perfect way to remind yourself of the sweet life and sweet memories of your time on Aruba!

Swimsuits and apparel in our fashion editorial can be found at Coconuts by De Palm's three locations: De Palm Pier on Palm Beach, beachside at the Occidental Grand, and De Palm Island. Photography by Steve Keith. Makeup by Maria Alejandra Sanchez.

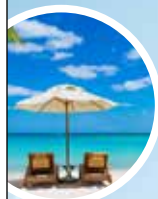


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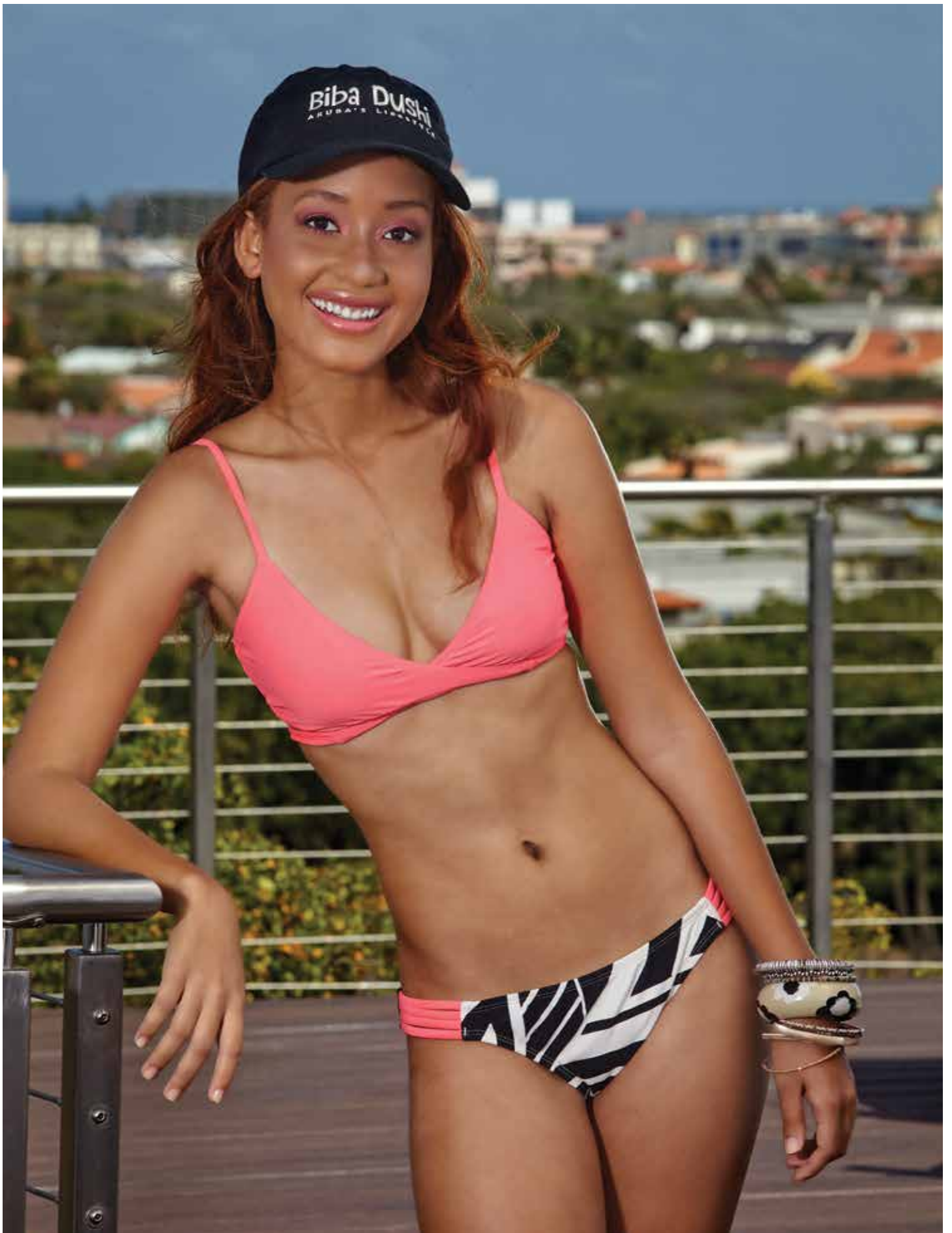
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# Learn To Play Like



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For many, vacations are all about new and exciting experiences. For others, a well-rounded vacation includes soaking up the local lifestyle and joining in on some of the beloved activities on the island. Included here are a few favorite sports and activities on the island that anyone can learn to do in less than a day.

## Windsurfing

Thanks to highly favorable wind and water conditions and year-round pleasant weather, Aruba is a windsurfing mecca. Every year, thousands of active vacationers come to Aruba just to windsurf, primarily at the Fisherman's Huts.

You don't have to be a pro, nor even have years of experience windsurfing—just about anyone can learn to windsurf in one two-hour session. Several watersports operators offer windsurfing lessons for beginners. A 30-minute introduction to the equipment and hands-on instructions on land are followed by a lesson in the calm, shallow waters of the Fisherman's Huts area, where your instructor will stay by your side and have you up and sailing in no time!

Images provided by the Aruba Tourism Authority



## Scuba Diving

The island's coastline offers vacationers those world-renowned views that Aruba is famous for. Just below the surface of the azure Caribbean Sea, however, is an entirely different kind of beauty—one that is best experienced while scuba diving. Explore the island's many vibrant tropical reefs brimming with colorful sea life or even explore a shipwreck (Aruba has some of the best wreck diving in the Caribbean).

No experience, no PADI certification, no equipment? No problem! Many of Aruba's dive shops and dive operations offer what is called a Resort Dive certification through PADI. The half-day course provides beginners with the foundation to safely make their first dive. Class begins in the morning on land and in a swimming pool. By the afternoon, newly certified Resort Divers will be 30 feet below the surface of the sea, exploring coral reefs and the scattered remains of one of the island's shipwrecks, the *SS Pedernales*.

## SUP (Standup Paddleboarding)

SUP essentially entails standing up on an oversized surfboard and pulling (or in SUP lingo, "sweeping") yourself forward with a long single-ended paddle. Although SUP has its roots in the waves, the fact that you are propelling yourself makes the sport suitable for any water setting. In fact, SUP is now most widely enjoyed on flat water, including lakes, rivers, and calm seas. Aruba's expanse of flat water along Palm Beach, as well as locations like Spaans Lagoen and Mangel Halto, makes Aruba an ideal destination to give SUP a try.

People of all ages and athletic abilities can enjoy SUP. It's certainly something the whole family can enjoy. With SUP, you need as little as five minutes of instruction before you are paddling out on the water. There are activity companies specializing in SUP guided tours, and a few resorts have SUP boards and paddles available to their guests.





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## Beach Tennis

Introduced to Aruba in 2002, beach tennis has inarguably become one of the most popular sports on the island. Players of all ages and levels of athletic ability are encouraged to play. The easy camaraderie of beach tennis—plus the pumping music, cold beers, and sunny beach setting—guarantees the great success of this sport on Aruba.

The island's largest beach tennis facility, with 16 courts, is located at the Tropicana, and another complex is located on Palm Beach at Moomba Beach Bar. Rackets and balls can be rented at both places, and one-hour introductory lessons are available from the island's internationally ranked pros.



## Salsa & Merengue

They are the dances of the Caribbean and Latin America. Sexy and sultry, local dancers are mesmerizing to watch at some of the local nightlife spots. But don't just sit on the sidelines—fun, introductory group classes are offered at various beach bars and resorts. As the saying goes, "No one knows you here," so who cares if you have never hit the dance floor before!? Locals love to share their culture with guests to the island and will be happy to make space on the crowded dance floor for you! ■






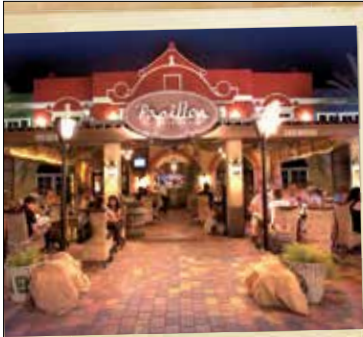


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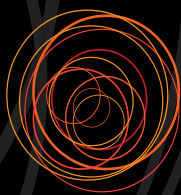
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# GET YOUR *Island Boho Style On!*

The bohemian fashion style may be “trendy” now, but here in Aruba, this easy, breezy look is nothing new. The boho-chic flair naturally fits the island lifestyle. “The trick to achieving this look is to make it look effortless,” says fashion maven Jodi Tobman, the owner and fashion buyer of The Salamander Group, a local company comprised of T.H. Palm & Company, Caribbean Clothing Company, Caribbean Queen, The Lazy Lizard, and The Juggling Fish. “The emphasis is on layering,” she explains, “but be careful not to overdo it—too much of a good thing is often not a good thing, and on the island, too many layers would obviously be uncomfortably warm.”

## Boho chic dos and don'ts:

- Don't get swallowed up in too many layers.
- Don't incorporate too many different colors.
- Do combine tailored pieces with loose-fitting pieces.
- Do consider belts to keep loose-fitting layers from looking too bulky.
- Do use accessories to create the layered look. Chic up a simple pair of jeans and tank top or tee shirt with inexpensive beaded necklaces or a colorful scarf, bangles, dangly or hoop earrings, and strappy sandals.
- Do create balance by combining patterns with solids.
- Do add texture and intrigue with vintage and ethnic-inspired details.

All fashions and accessories on the following pages are from the stores of The Salamander Group.

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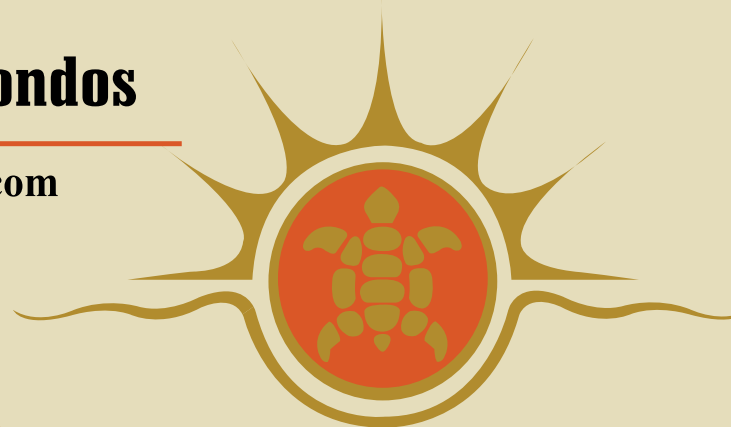
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## *Island Dining*

A romantic escape to the island of Aruba is not complete without at least one toes-in-the-sand dining experience. Aruba's tranquil shores provide the ideal setting for an amorous evening under starry skies and swaying palms, and there is a plethora of beach dining options to choose from. So kick off your shoes, curl your toes in our powdery, white sands, and enjoy a romantic evening you will never forget.

### *Passions on the Beach*

AMSTERDAM MANOR BEACH RESORT

White tablecloth dining in the sand is the specialty at Passions on the Beach, located on Eagle Beach, across from the Amsterdam Manor and just a few steps away from Aruba's iconic and oft-photographed divi-divi trees. The large menu offers everything from steaks and seafood to pasta and vegetarian selections. For reservations call 527-1100.



### *Menu highlights*

#### CEVICHE MOJITO

Fresh fish cured in lime juice, onion, celery, tomato, cilantro, chili peppers, spiced rum, and fresh mint

#### LOCAL GROUPER FILET IN CRISPY COCO JACKET

Prepared with a coconut breading and served with a special banana mayonnaise

#### FILET MIGNON A LA RATATOUILLE

Perfectly seasoned and grilled to order, served on a bed of green asparagus with balsamic-glazed mushrooms, bacon ratatouille, and port wine sauce

#### PINEAPPLE SENSATION

Fresh pineapple simmered in Myer's Rum syrup, served with banana cake and ice cream, and garnished with pistachios

## *Pampered in Paradise*

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Hyatt Aruba's "Pampered in Paradise" dining option offers guests the chance to sit beachside, with tiki torches setting the mood and a private butler to see to every need. With an environment unlike any other, this romantic experience begins the second guests are escorted to their own private tent on the beach. Guests can enjoy the privacy of their space with a delicious four-course dinner overseen by Executive Chef Vincent Pellegrini. For reservations call 586-1234.



### *Menu highlights*

#### **CORN CRAB CHOWDER**

Italian bread bowl filled with a richly creamed corn soup and wild-caught crab

#### **CLASSIC MUSSELS & HERBS**

Simmered in dry white wine, shallots, garlic, sea salt, butter, and herbs, and served with garlic bread

#### **GRILLED T-BONE STEAK (16 OZ.)**

Served with roasted garlic mashed potatoes, sautéed mushrooms and onions, and a green peppercorn sauce

#### **ARUBAN COCONUT CREAM CAKE**

Fluffy cake filled with a superb coconut cream, served with chocolate, coconut macaroon, and mango sauce

## *Footprints Beach Grill*

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Celebrate another perfect day in paradise with an unforgettable dinner at Footprints. This exclusive restaurant—six tables are available each evening—offers fine dining while you wiggle your toes in the soft white sand. Enjoy the sounds of the sea as the attentive staff serves a delicious four-course dinner, featuring Footprints' renowned grilled entrées with your choice of beef, ribs, fresh seafood, and more. Finish a delightful evening with a tempting dessert and your favorite cocktail or wine from the hotel's extensive selection. For reservations call 586-1234.



### *Menu highlights*

#### **CHORIZO AND CASSAVA**

Pork sausage and fried cassava served with chipotle mayonnaise and spicy tomato-cilantro sauce

#### **ROASTED LOBSTER**

Served with classic buttery mashed potatoes, creamed spinach, and lemon-infused drawn butter

#### **SAUTÉED GARLIC SHRIMP**

With chili pepper flakes, fresh herbs, and creamy caper butter sauce

#### **PASSION FRUIT MOUSSE**

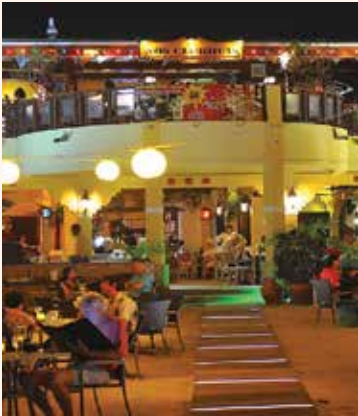
Topped with a berry coulis and served with fresh berries



## Hadicurari Restaurant

PALM BEACH

Located on Palm Beach, just across from the famed Hadicurari local fishing pier, Hadicurari Restaurant specializes in fresh catches of the day. By day, the restaurant is bustling with beach-goers enjoying grouper and spicy shrimp sandwiches, but at night, tiki torches light the beach in a romantic glow. Guests can opt for the ultimate nighttime barefoot beach dining experience or choose a cozy indoor table for two. For reservations call 586-2288.



### Menu highlights

#### FRESH CATCH OF THE DAY

Local fishermen bring in their fresh catches of the day, with a variety of preparations offered by the chef

#### GRILLED SCALLOPS

Served with a saffron risotto

#### CARIBBEAN SHRIMP

Simmered in a delicate coconut sauce

#### PASTA FRUTTI DI MARE

Fresh local fish simmered in a rich marinara sauce and served over linguine

## Pureocean

DIVI PHEONIX BEACH RESORT

Pureocean is a newly redesigned restaurant featuring a fresh, modern white décor with an open-air, beach-chic vibe. Dine seaside in the bistro or at tables situated on scenic Palm Beach under palm trees wrapped with twinkling lights. For reservations call 586-6066 ext. 7029.



### Menu highlights

#### LOBSTER SEAFOOD MARTINI

Citrus-marinated lobster, shrimp, and scallops tossed with avocado, tomato, and mango salsa

#### CRISPY COCONUT CURRY GROUPE

Fresh grouper in a crunchy coconut batter, served with jasmine rice, stir-fry vegetables, and a mild curry sauce

#### TOMAHAWK PORK CHOP

12 oz. bone-in chop served on a bed of caramelized onions, mushrooms, and tomatoes, paired with Old Bay potato wedges, and complemented with chipotle chutney, chimichurri, and Jack Daniel's sauce

#### CARIBBEAN MAC AND CHEESE

Penne pasta in a rich au gratin tossed with lobster, shrimp, and lump crabmeat

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# Locals Love It!



## Affordable beachfront dining at Tulip Caribbean Brasserie

Tulip Caribbean Brasserie is a charming garden restaurant with French-inspired cuisine. The eatery is a local favorite for three reasons: its location across from the Caribbean Sea, the delightful gourmet French fusion cuisine, and the affordable price.

Patrons can choose to dine in the beautifully landscaped open-air courtyard, on the terrace overlooking the courtyard, or in the dining room. The eclectic mixture of French furnishings, rustic tables, contemporary lighting, and tropical accents creates a relaxing environment.

Tulip Caribbean Brasserie's menu offers a flavorful combination of French, Dutch, and Caribbean cuisines at an excellent value.

### Menu highlights include:

#### Escargots

Snails roasted in garlic-herb butter

#### Croûtons de Brie

On bread roasted Brie with honey and black pepper

#### Steak au Beurre

Grilled Beef Striploin with herb-garlic butter

#### Grouper Filet

In Olive oil panfried grouper filet served with a Delicate creamy lime sauce

#### Keshi Yena

Casserole pulled chicken in tomato sauce with raisins, green olives covered and gratinated with Gouda cheese

Open daily for breakfast (7:30am – 10am), lunch (12pm – 5pm), and dinner (5pm – 10:30pm). Advance reservations are highly recommended and can be made via email at [tulip@mvceaglebeach.aw](mailto:tulip@mvceaglebeach.aw) or by phone at +(297) 587-0110.



# Locals Love It!

## Blackberry Jam rocks Fusion Wine Bar & Hollywood Smokehouse

Thursday nights, locals get their fix of good ol' rock and roll at Hollywood Smokehouse and Fusion Wine Bar, where Blackberry Jam plays live from 7pm to 10pm. Blackberry Jam is a band composed of both locals and Americans playing classic rock and blues tunes. Guests enjoying the vibe from Fusion's al fresco patio can sip on wine and munch on tapas while those on Hollywood Smokehouse's patio can pair the rock and blues with low-and-slow barbecue and signature craft cocktails, like the Bourbonwood (fresh-squeezed blackberry lemonade and bourbon).

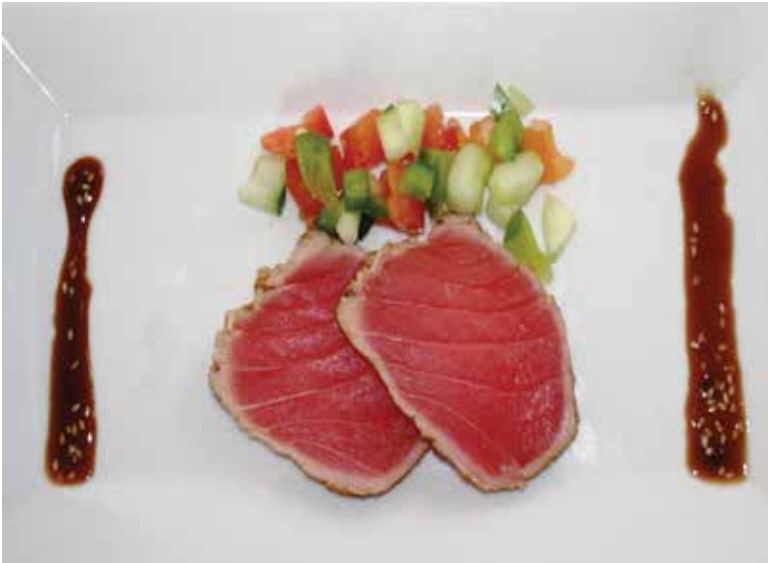


## Korteweg Pop-up Art Gallery

The trending cultural phenomenon of the pop-up art gallery comes to the streets of Aruba. Aptly called Korteweg after the street it is held on in downtown Oranjestad, the initiative is a collaboration of a fascinating group of local artists and craftspeople who set up shop here one Friday evening a month. The grassroots gallery also attracts local musicians, deejays, and even a local forager who sells beverages and snacks with a foundation of fresh local ingredients.



# Locals Love It!



## Sunday brunch at Taste of Belgium

No need to get up—the waiters will take your order from the special brunch à la carte menu while serving chilled, bubbly mimosas. The menu is divided into breakfast, hot and cold lunch items, and desserts. Order whatever you like, as many times as you like. Whether you wish to start with a chocolate mousse and finish with scrambled eggs with salmon or the other way around, it's all possible. Brunch is every Sunday from 11am to 2:30pm.

\*Brunch is not available during the month of December

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## Palmera Rum

Yes, it is Aruba's local rum. But locals love this rum beyond a patriotic level—it is one of the best, affordable rums in the Caribbean. While Palmera Rum is now offered in a variety of flavors, like coconut, the classic White Label is still the most popular (and surprisingly smooth for a budget-priced rum). It's a favorite of local bartenders when concocting traditional island drinks like daiquiris, mojitos, and piña colodas.



# Locals Love It!



## Lunch at The Kitchen Table by White

Aruba's first Iron Chef, Urvin Croes, oversees this boutique restaurant at Blue Residences on Eagle Beach. By night, just 16 lucky diners enjoy an eight-course production of culinary creativity and a melody of tastes. But at lunch, the 16 seats see a lively rotation of local businesspeople, ladies lunching together, and tourists seeking a relaxing reprieve from the midday sun on the beach—all mingling over burgers, wraps, and salads artfully prepared by the culinary team in the open kitchen in the center of the room.





# Coffee

CULTURE IN ARUBA

For so many of us, coffee is such an important part of our day—whether it's a necessary part of our morning wake-up routine, a good excuse for us to meet up with friends, or a nice way to cap off an evening meal. Here in Aruba, we take coffee as seriously as you do, which is why you'll have no problem finding plenty of cafés to get your coffee fix.

The only question is, what type of coffee experience are you looking for? Do you want to treat your taste buds to a hot cuppa coffee made from beans grown only a hop, skip, and a jump away in the Andes Mountains? Do you prefer whiling away the afternoon with friends in a European-style café in a cozy corner, sipping lattes and mochas and sharing three different kinds of cake? Or do you simply need a quick but delicious pick-me-up on your way to the beach? In other words, do you want to go Colombian, Dutch, or American style when having your coffee in Aruba?





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### Get Your Grab-n-Go Coffee

Coffee the American way...we all know what that means: coffee on the go. It also means having plenty of options to choose from and getting your coffee within minutes of your order. Americans are also quite loyal when it comes to the coffee they drink. If you're one of these loyal coffee drinkers, and you just gotta have your Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts when you're vacationing in Aruba, no need to worry...the Island has you covered. Both chains are perfect for grabbing your coffee and taking it with you back to your hotel, to the beach, or along with you as you walk around town.

We're all pretty familiar with Starbucks' huge array of coffee offerings, including brewed coffees, hot and cold espresso drinks, and its famous frappuccinos. And we all know that Starbucks will go to great lengths to customize your coffee exactly how you want it: I'll have a half-decaf, double-tall, sugar-free-vanilla, 2%, extra-foam, 150-degree, no-whip mocha, please. Sound familiar? There's also that incredible level of customer service we've all come to appreciate at Starbucks. What you might not know is that Starbucks carries coffees from three distinct regions of the world—Latin America, Africa/ Arabia, and Asia/ Pacific—promising a variety of distinct flavor profiles. And did you know that Starbucks is one of the largest purchasers of Fair Trade Certified coffee in the world?

Aruba has three Starbucks cafés, two located in downtown Oranjestad, and one in the high-rise hotel area. In addition to all the familiar coffee drinks, these cafés offer locally made sweet and savory eats. All three cafés have plenty of room for sitting with friends, or maybe you're solo and just want to plug in and enjoy the free Wi-Fi. But if grabbing and going is your intention, those trusty Starbucks baristas will have your handcrafted beverage in your hand and out the door within three minutes.

### Locations & Opening Hours:

Starbucks Marketplace. Open Sunday through Thursday,

7am to 10pm; Friday & Saturday, 7am to 11pm

Starbucks Renaissance Mall. Open Monday through Saturday,

7am to 8pm; Sunday 7am to 2pm

Starbucks Paseo Herencia. Open Sunday through Thursday,

7am to 11pm; Friday & Saturday, 7am to midnight







## Have a “Wrong” Coffee with the Right Friends

The Dutch have a rich coffee history. It all started when a Dutch merchant smuggled a few coffee bushes out of Yemen in 1616. The prized bushes were nurtured in greenhouses in Amsterdam and later transported to the various Dutch colonies for cultivation. Being the master traders they were, the Dutch turned their colonies (primarily Java and Suriname) into the main suppliers of coffee to Europe by the late 1600s.

Today, the Netherlands ranks as one of the top coffee-consuming countries in the world. There’s no doubt about it: the Dutch like their coffee. But it’s more than just that: they typically have their coffee in the company of friends, family, and co-workers. In short, the Dutch coffee-drinking experience is a decidedly social one.

The Dutch typically enjoy getting together for a mid-morning coffee break, while an after-dinner coffee is also quite popular. Like other Europeans, the Dutch tend to like their coffee strong. Filter coffee is the norm, but coffee pod machines (which make that nice crema layer on top) have also gained in popularity. Cafés also serve espresso drinks, including straight espresso, cappuccino, and koffie verkeerd (literally “wrong coffee” because it has more milk than coffee). And for a special Dutch touch, a single cookie is often served along with your coffee beverage.

When in Aruba, do as the Dutch do: grab a cozy spot and have your coffee with friends—and for that, Smit & Dorlas Coffee House is the perfect place. Inspired by the coffeehouses of Europe, Smit & Dorlas Coffee House exudes class, elegance, and charm. It serves Smit & Dorlas coffee, a famous blend of coffees from Colombia, Brazil, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Kenya, and other coffee countries. A comprehensive menu offers all the usual suspects—espressos, cappuccinos, macchiatos, lattes, and mochas—in addition to homemade frappuccinos. If coffee isn’t your thing, the coffeehouse offers an incredible selection of loose teas from China, Sri Lanka, and India, all beautifully displayed in large glass jars lining the walls. You’ll get that little Dutch cookie along with your coffee or tea selection, but we suggest going for the whole shebang by ordering from the selection of homemade cakes, quiches, and panini.

### Locations & Opening Hours:

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Open daily 9am – 6pm (Saturdays only until 2pm)





You know the saying: America runs on Dunkin'—yep, even in Aruba! If it's that classic, toasted flavor with a smooth finish that you're looking for, pay a visit to any one of Aruba's six Dunkin' Donuts locations. Not only does Dunkin' Donuts freshly grind its 100% Arabica coffee beans moments before brewing, but it also brews continually throughout the day, ensuring a fresh cup of coffee any time. You want options, you say? In addition to their brewed coffee (hot or iced), Dunkin' Donuts offers espressos, cappuccinos, and lattes (hot or iced), which are all made with 100% Fair Trade Certified espresso beans. Its Dunkaccino combines coffee and hot chocolate, and who could go wrong with one of the refreshing Frozen Coffee Coolattas when you're in Aruba? When you factor in the various add-ins, such as the Turbo Shot of espresso, the presweetened Flavor Swirls, and the sugar-free Flavor Shots, there must be literally thousands of ways to have your coffee at Dunkin' Donuts! (And yeah, better pick out a donut or two for something delicious to dunk in that equally delicious coffee.) ■

#### Locations & Opening Hours:

Playa Linda Beach Resort, De Palm Pier, Tropicana Resort, Alhambra Shopping Bazaar, Seaport Marketplace, Tankiflip. Open 6:30am to 11:30pm

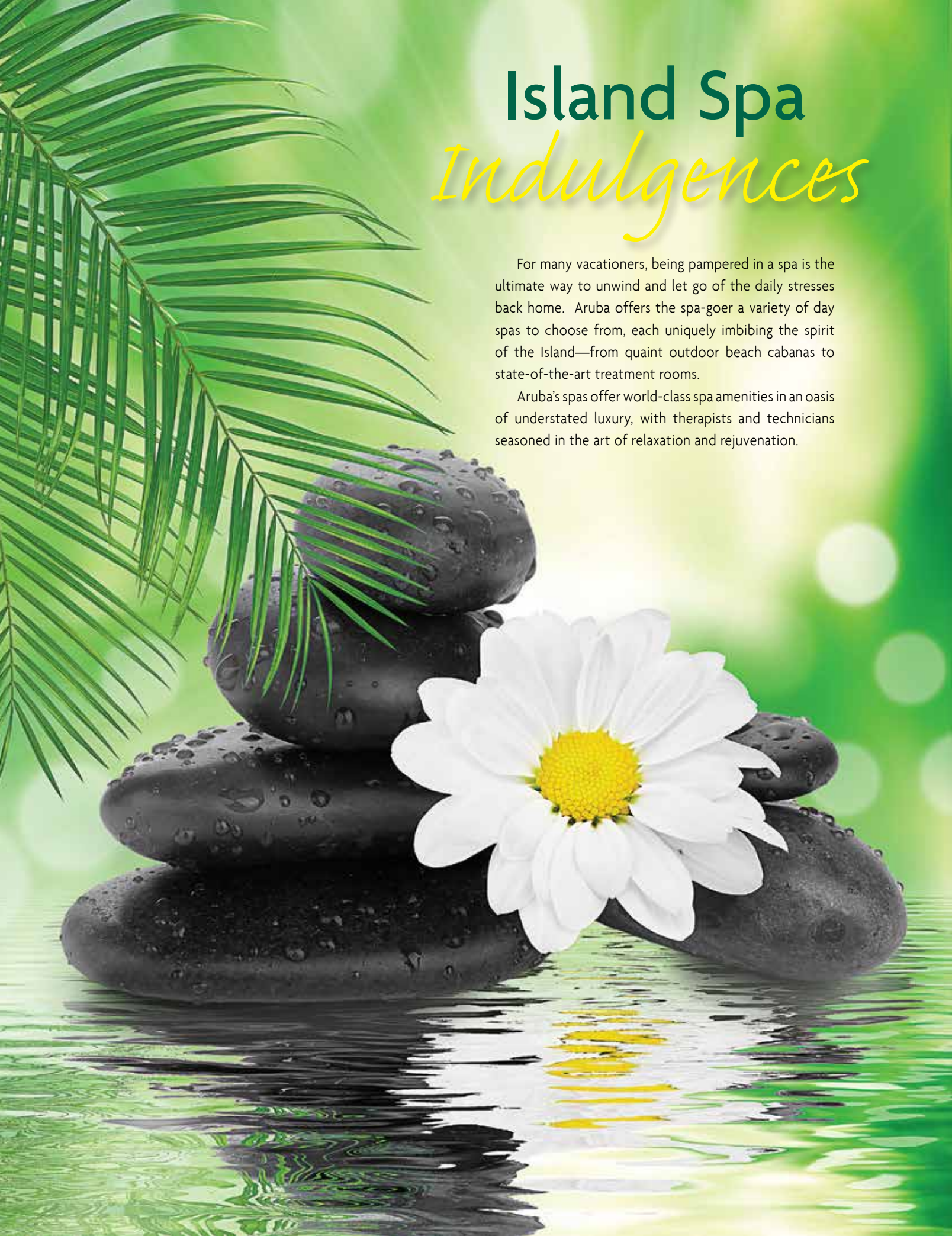




# Island Spa *Indulgences*

For many vacationers, being pampered in a spa is the ultimate way to unwind and let go of the daily stresses back home. Aruba offers the spa-goer a variety of day spas to choose from, each uniquely imbuing the spirit of the Island—from quaint outdoor beach cabanas to state-of-the-art treatment rooms.

Aruba's spas offer world-class spa amenities in an oasis of understated luxury, with therapists and technicians seasoned in the art of relaxation and rejuvenation.







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A variety of specialty local signature treatments, indigenous scrubs, and spiritual baths are offered. Inspired by the Island's ancient philosophies of health, beauty, and wellness, these treatments incorporate the healing properties of native plants, botanical blossoms, herbs, minerals, and fruits, including aloe, cactus, coconut, and oil sourced from divi-divi trees.

### Location:

The Spa at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba

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Hours of Operations: Daily from 9am to 6pm







Mandara Spa Aruba, located in Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club, is the first location in the Caribbean for this resort-spa management company that has more than 60 spas in luxury resort properties around the world. Mandara Spa offers unique treatments within a friendly, relaxed, and open environment accented by a contemporary Balinese-style interior design. This 6,500-square-foot spa is among the largest professional spas on the island, housing four VIP couple treatment rooms with extra-large Jacuzzi baths or Vichy showers, plus eight individual treatment rooms, indoor and outdoor relaxation areas, a steam room, and an exclusive nail/hair salon.

### Location:

Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club

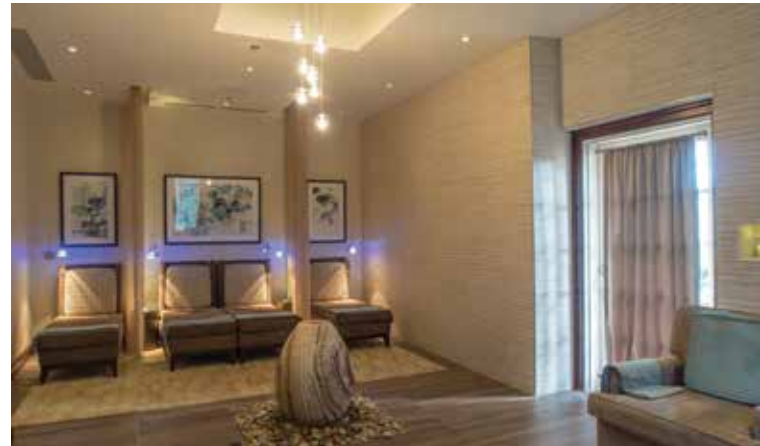
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Hours of Operation: Fitness Center: 24 hours. Spa & Salon: 9am to 8pm





# ZoiA

SPA

Hyatt Regency Aruba's ZoiA Spa—meaning “balance” or “poise” in Papiamentu, the island’s dialect—boasts eight treatment rooms, including two expansive spa suites, and an extensive spa menu featuring native ingredients.

The Aruba-inspired, all-natural treatments are based on four key Caribbean elements—sun, sand, sea, and love—and correspond to the colors of the Aruban flag—yellow, white, blue, and red. Treatments with the element of the sun, which signifies energy, are geared towards brightening and revitalizing the skin through the use of botanical blossoms. Treatments with the element of sand, which evokes purity, detoxify and rid the skin of impurities through the use of Aruba’s mineral-rich mud. Treatments featuring the element of the sea are designed to make guests feel complete relaxation, much like the serenity felt when listening to gently crashing waves. The final element, love, represents devotion and commitment; these treatments incorporate Aruba’s indigenous aloe plant and other botanicals, herbs, crystals, and oils to help guests achieve a sense of well-being through the use of traditional island methods.

ZoiA Spa offers an idyllic location for serenity and tranquility, further enhancing its “authentic island chic” mentality.

### Location:

Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Spa & Casino

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Website: [www.aruba.hyatt.com](http://www.aruba.hyatt.com)

Hours of Operations: Daily from 8am to 7pm







A tranquil oasis of bamboo and water features creates a soothing environment at Eforea Spa, which boasts ten treatment rooms where guests can enjoy a full menu of services, including the signature Azeta di Coco Massage, which combines warm coconut oil with a massage utilizing slow, localized movements to both heal the skin and relax tense muscles. Additional treatments include advanced skincare therapies, therapeutic and integrated massages from around the world, exfoliating and detoxifying body treatments, and a full-service salon. All of the massage treatments, including couples massages, may be experienced in a beachside cabana, accompanied by the gentle sounds of nearby waves.

**Location:**

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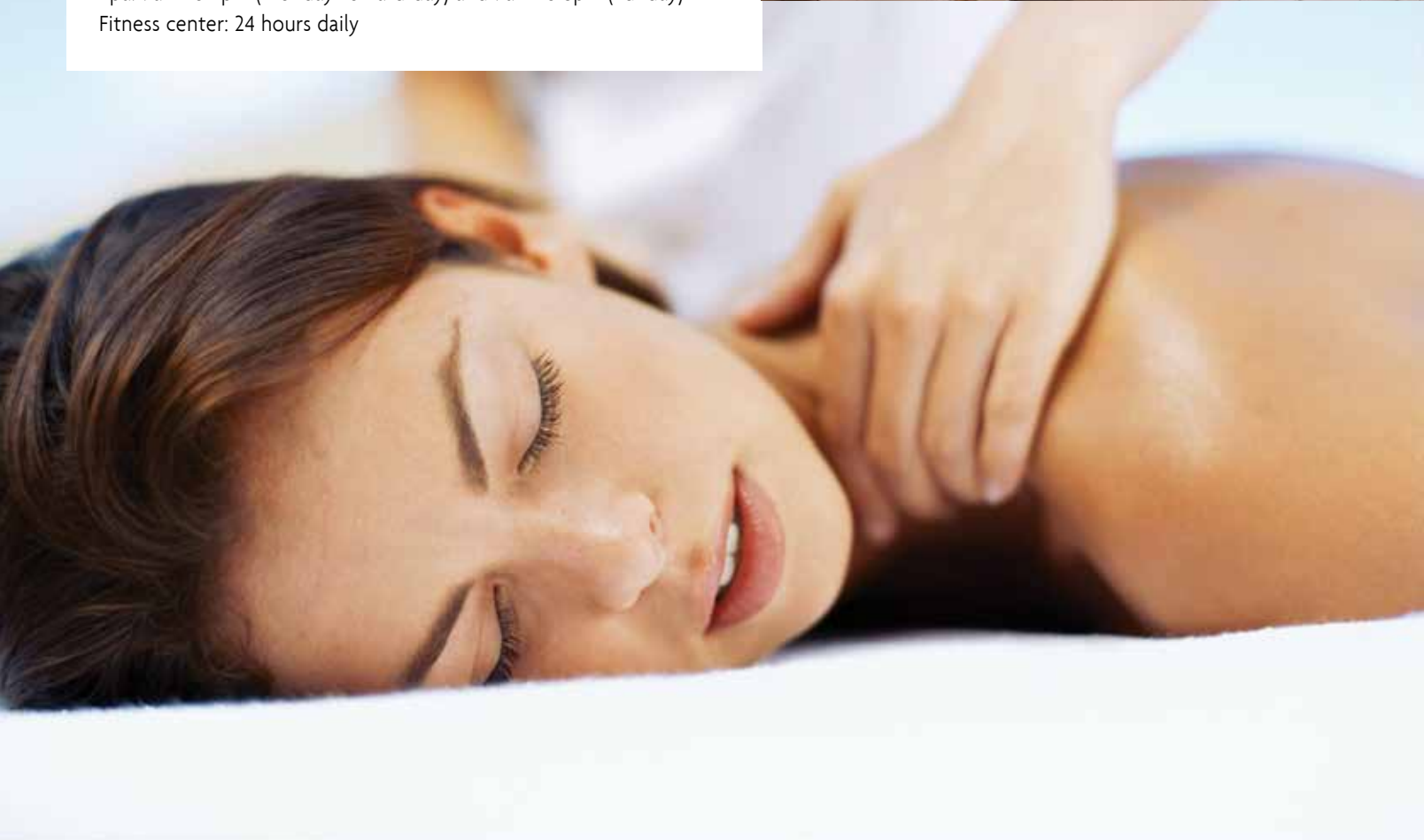
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Hours of Operation:

Spa: 9am to 7pm (Monday to Saturday) and 9am to 5pm (Sunday)

Fitness center: 24 hours daily





In need of a relaxing or rejuvenating massage? Palm Li Spa, located at the Caribbean Palm Village Resort, offers a wide range of specialty massages including deep tissue, Asian body, traditional Swedish, and even a massage designed specifically for pregnant women. European facials and masks, aromatherapy, hot stone facials, waxing, exfoliation, and manicures and pedicures are also part of this full-service spa's menu of treatments.

**Location:**

Caribbean Palm Village Resort

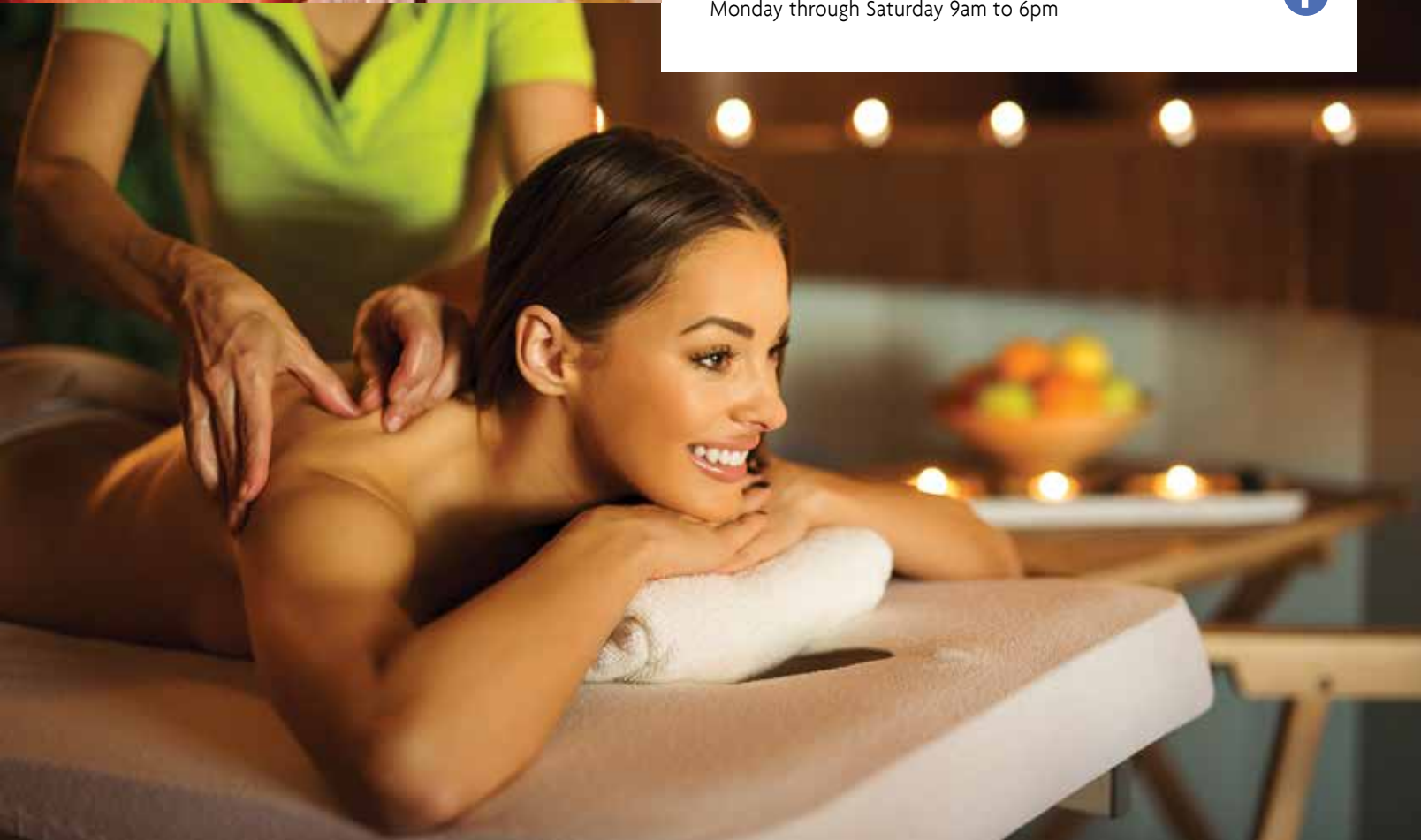
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Hours of Operation:

Monday through Saturday 9am to 6pm







Indulgence by the Sea has both spa and salon locations at Divi & Tamarijn All Inclusive Beach Resorts. The spa offers an extensive list of relaxing signature treatments, such as the Luscious Body—an incredibly indulgent treatment that rejuvenates the skin from head to toe with a full-body exfoliation using raw-sugarcane granules and rich virgin coconut oils, a mango wrap rich in enzymes to dissolve dryness, fine lines, and pigmentation, and a full-body massage with watermelon, papaya, and rich virgin coconut oils to firm and deeply moisturize your skin. Spa owner Angie Wallace has handpicked and tested all of the organic and natural products used in the spa's treatments. Indulgence by the Sea also specializes in bridal parties and special occasions. Relax, reflect, revitalize, and rejoice at Indulgence by the Sea.

**Locations:**

Spa & Salon locations:

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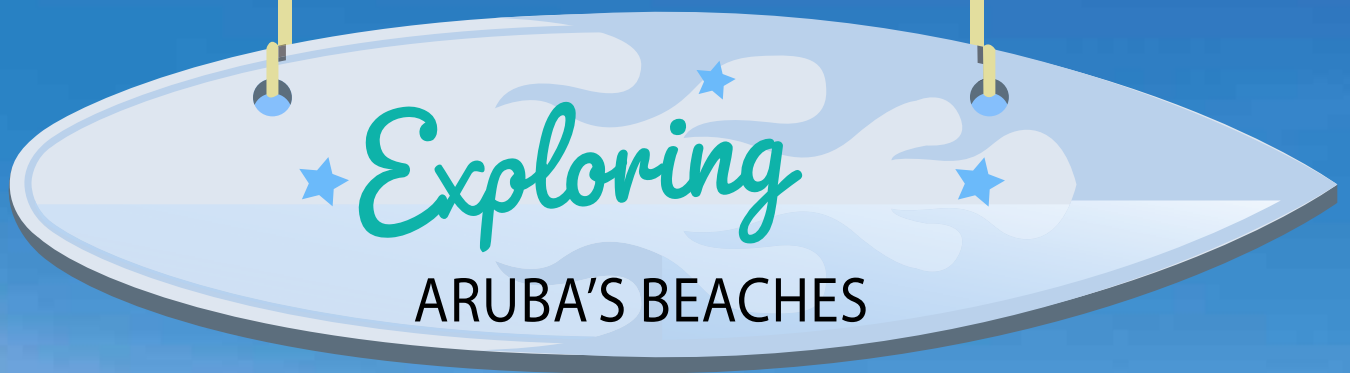
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*Eagle Beach*



# Exploring ARUBA'S BEACHES



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It's no surprise that Aruba's most popular beaches are in the hotel areas. The several miles of beaches that skirt the coastline of these areas are ideal for long walks, watersports, and snorkeling. Although your lounge chair may be perfectly positioned in front of your hotel, spending time exploring neighboring beaches—each with its own special charm, attractions, and beauty—will be memorable!

Here, we've designed three days of exploring our island beaches—visit a few or visit them all! Be sure to bring along a towel, sunscreen, and snorkel gear, which can be rented for the day at most hotels and activity operators.





*Palm Beach*

## *Day One* Beaches of the Hotel Areas

- 📍 Eagle Beach (and Punta Brabo/Druif beaches)
- 📍 Palm Beach
- 📍 Fisherman's Huts
- 📍 Boca Catalina

We start our beach exploration in the hotel areas, home to our famed beaches that regularly top the “best beaches” lists of various travel publications and websites.

### Early Morning

Kick off your shoes and get ready for a walk on one of the world's most acclaimed beaches—*Eagle Beach* (and smaller neighboring beaches *Punta Brabo* and *Druif*). One of the most iconic photo ops can be had at the start of Eagle Beach, in front of Amsterdam Manor, where two divi-divi trees stand sentry by the sea. This beach is a favorite of joggers and beachcombers who relish the powder-soft sand and wide-open stretches offered up next to the calm, crystal-clear waters gently lapping the shore.

Sea turtles are also fond of this beach. All sea turtles are endangered worldwide, and Aruba's shores have become a favorite nesting place for the Leatherback, Hawksbill, Green, and Loggerhead species, with Eagle Beach being one of the most popular areas. Nesting season



*Fisherman's Huts*

## Boca Catalina



typically runs from April through November, and if your timing is right, you can witness these gorgeous creatures digging their nests or the hatchlings making their way from the nests and waddling to the sea.

### Late Morning

Eagle Beach's closest neighbor to the north is *Palm Beach*. If you are looking for action, this is the beach for you! Home to most of Aruba's high-rise hotels, Palm Beach has a lively energy and offers a variety of watersports. Operators of banana boat rides, tubing, and parasailing can be found all up and down this strip of coastline. Not a watersports person? No worries—this beach is also great for strolling on the sand or on the boardwalk path that runs along the beach by the hotels, where beach boutiques and gift/souvenir shops can be perused.

### Early Afternoon

At the far reaches of Palm Beach, just past the Holiday Inn and adjacent to the Marriott's Aruba Surf Club, you will find an iconic Palm Beach landmark—the *Hadicurari Pier*. Here you will see local fishermen cleaning their catches of the day under the watchful eyes of some very friendly pelicans that patiently stand by waiting for their midday snack of fish scraps tossed to them by the fishermen.

### Lunch Suggestion

Enjoy the chill vibe of Moomba Beach Bar & Grill—the quintessential beach bar, featuring fresh catches, burgers, wraps, and sandwiches. Or

enjoy the expansive second-floor view from Nos Clubhuis, a relaxing local hangout offering casual fare. Both restaurants are nestled between the Holiday Inn Resort and Marriott's Surf Club Aruba.

### Mid-afternoon

Just past the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, Palm Beach ends and *Fisherman's Huts* begins. Fisherman's Huts, also known as Hadicurari Beach, is aptly named for the handful of timeworn huts perched at the edge of the water. This beach is one of the best flat-water windsurfing locations in the world, with several boardsports operators setting up shop year-round to accommodate active vacationers and locals. International kites and windsurfers congregate here every summer to battle it out at the Aruba Hi-Winds competition. Here, you can learn to windsurf in one two-hour session, or if you want a more relaxing water experience, try SUP (standup paddleboarding)—it's easy to learn and the calm, flat waters of this area are perfect for this activity.

### Late Afternoon

Continue past Fisherman's Huts for about two kilometers to where the low limestone barranca that characterizes the coastline of this area (known as Malmok) yields to the white, sandy stretch of *Boca Catalina*. This palapa-dotted beach grants access to a popular snorkeling spot with excellent underwater visibility and a close-to-shore reef filled with angelfish, needlefish, goatfish, starfish, and other curiosities. After a refreshing dip, sit back, relax, and behold one of Aruba's striking sunsets.



## Day Two Local and Hidden Beaches

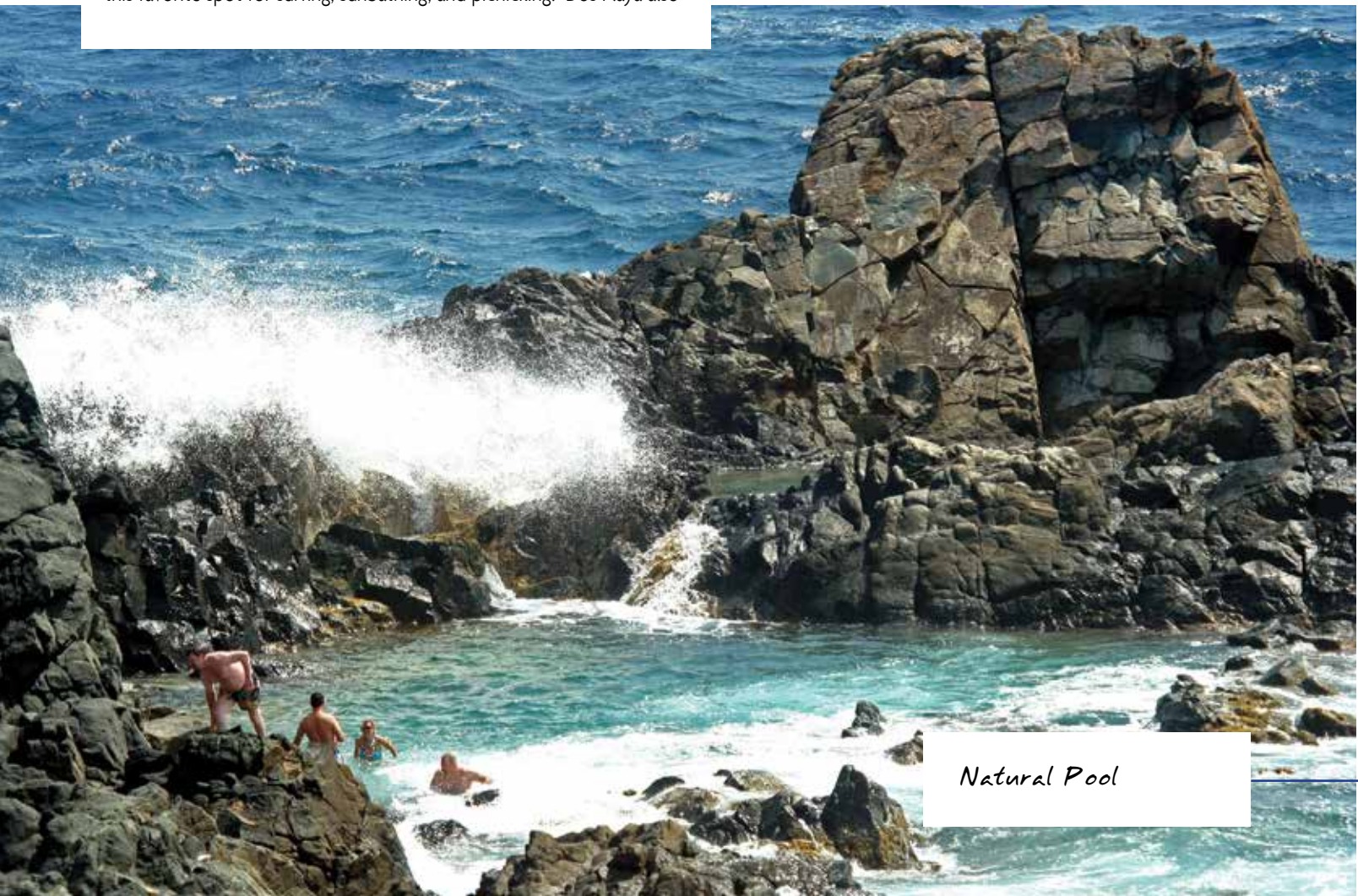
- 📍 Dos Playa/Boca Prins/Natural Pool
- 📍 Wariruri and Urirama
- 📍 Lighthouse Beach
- 📍 Arashi

The beaches of the hotel area are well known and certainly worthy of all the attention they receive in travel circles, publications, and online. However, Aruba's coastline is dotted with dozens of lesser known, smaller beaches and coves frequented by locals (as well as tourists in the know and on the go). Pack your towels, sunscreen, and sense of adventure for this day of basking in the sun on some of Aruba's breathtaking local/hidden beaches.

### Morning

Several of Aruba's hidden gems are located on the island's north coast within *Arikok National Park*. The park comprises some 18% of the island's landmass and boasts fascinating geological features, including two notable beaches, *Dos Playa* and *Boca Prins*.

Once at Arikok National Park, stop off at the Information Center to pay the park fee and collect a map. Remotely located along the rugged coast of the park is Dos Playa ("Two Beaches"). The sea has carved twin coves out of a limestone cliff and filled them with white sand to create this favorite spot for surfing, sunbathing, and picnicking. Dos Playa also







*Wariruri*



*Arashi*

plays an important role as a popular nesting spot for sea turtles (nests are barricaded off to protect them). While you will see local surfers here, swimming is dangerous since the waves are rough and there is a strong undertow. Continuing on a southeastern route, you'll reach the next stop, Boca Prins. This beach harbors stunning sand dunes that are constantly being reshaped by the powerful winds here. Swimming is strictly prohibited.

#### Lunch Break

In the middle of all this gorgeous wilderness is an oasis of refreshments. *Boca Prins Restaurant & Bar* boasts amazing views paired with local cuisine like grouper creole and chicken sate, as well as burgers and sandwiches. Be sure to cool off with an ice-cold Balashi (our local beer) or the bar's famous punch.

#### Early Afternoon

If you ventured out today in a four-wheel drive vehicle, a visit to the Natural Pool is a must. After enjoying these scenic beaches within the park, it's hard not to be tempted to jump in the sea for a refreshing dip, and the Natural Pool is one place in the park where swimming is permitted. Known locally as Conchi and also Cura di Tortuga, which translates to "Turtle Pen" (sea turtles used to be found swimming here), the *Natural Pool* is a pool of sea water protected from the rough seas by a barrier of large, ancient lava rocks. Locals and tourists love to swim and snorkel within this unique Aruban seascape.

#### Mid-afternoon

Although there are many other sites to see within Arikok National Park, today it's all about the beach! Onward we go, heading northwest back in the direction of the hotel areas. Utilize a map of Aruba and watch for signs that will take you to *Alto Vista Chapel*. Once at the chapel, take the dirt road/trail heading towards the sea. Heading along the trail to the right (going southeast along the windward coast), you'll eventually

reach the sandy cove of *Wariruri*. The same forces of nature that created Wariruri also sculpted a natural bridge here. Wariruri is a popular place for local surfers to catch some waves. Local fishermen can also be sighted fishing from the low cliffs flanking both sides of the beach.

Heading back the way you just came, take some time to explore the various "bocas" (small coves) etched into the coastline, some with very small beaches to enjoy and photograph. Another popular surf and bodyboarding area can be found at *Urirama*, which is also the location of organized competitions in both sports.

As you continue northwest along the dirt road skirting the coastline and head towards the majestic *California Lighthouse*, you'll reach the aptly named *Lighthouse Beach*. This beach, located in the vicinity of the *California Dunes*, is prized for the quiet seclusion it offers. While characteristically rough waves crash to shore further down the coastline, gentler waves roll to shore at Lighthouse Beach, creating a nice, safe place to wade in and cool off. A collection of massive boulders at the far end of the beach, plus a general scattering of limestone rocks and small tide pools, adds intrigue to the setting. Seashell and driftwood collectors will surely not go home empty-handed after spending some time combing this beach.

#### Late Afternoon

As you continue around the northern tip of the island, you'll find the road that takes you to our last beach stop of the day, *Arashi*, one of the most popular beaches frequented by locals. Arashi is touted for its crystal-blue water, sugary white sand, well-kept public palapas, and picturesque view of the California Lighthouse. The sea is typically calm at Arashi, but the occasional change in weather brings in a decent swell, prompting local surfers to flock to the break just north of the main beach. At this particular spot, about 150 meters offshore, a coral reef guarantees great snorkeling, while a smaller reef sits just off of the rocky outcropping that separates Arashi from the next beach south, Boca Catalina.





## Mangel Halto

### Day Three Beaches of the Southwest Coast and Southern Tip

- 📍 Mangel Halto
- 📍 Roger's Beach
- 📍 Baby Beach
- 📍 Boca Grandi
- 📍 Surfside

A visit to the island's southwest coast and southern tip grants you access to some of Aruba's most picturesque beaches. Frequented by locals but easy for visitors to reach as well, the beaches on our agenda today are unique and varied, and make a colorful addition to your memories of Aruba.

#### Early Morning

Head down the main boulevard away from the hotel areas and through downtown; if you get an early start, you can catch the sun rising over the southern end of the island. The first stop is *Mangel Halto*. This gem of a beach is tucked along the southwestern coast of the island in the area of *Pos Chikito*. The beach is named for the dense network of mangrove trees that make their home here, providing plenty of shade. A narrow clearing in the mangroves leads into an irresistibly inviting expanse of shallow, aquamarine water, made remarkably placid by the protective barrier reef further out. This coral reef, easily

reached by a short swim from shore, makes for excellent snorkeling.

#### Late Morning

Continuing southeast, our route takes us all the way to the southern tip of the island. We'll soon find ourselves winding through the downtown streets of *San Nicolas*, Aruba's second largest city. Until recent years, the "Sunrise City" was a boomtown, owing its success to the oil refinery (now closed) that it harbors. With the recruitment of refinery workers from the British Caribbean, San Nicolas developed its distinct Creole flavor and became the birthplace of Aruban Carnival.

Once through San Nicolas, follow the street signs to *Seroe Colorado*, the site of the former Lago colony where American refinery workers and their families once lived. A few residents still live in the bungalows overlooking *Roger's Beach* and *Baby Beach*, our next beach destinations. Outfitted with a few shady picnic huts, Roger's Beach sweeps around a reef-protected bay that proves ideal for swimming. A handful of colorfully painted traditional fishing boats are docked within the sheltered bay at the far end of the beach, adding a touch of charm to the peaceful setting. Baby Beach wraps around a shallow and remarkably calm lagoon, making it a prime destination for families with small children. Decades ago, Lago refinery workers created the lagoon by constructing a protective concrete barrier in the water, giving their families a safe beach to enjoy within the Lago colony. Snorkelers and novice swimmers can appreciate the shallow waters of the lagoon, while experienced snorkelers can venture through



an opening in the wall to discover an amazing array of marine life—barracuda, parrotfish, blowfish, angelfish, squid, and eels—swimming among the elkhorn coral.

#### Lunch Break

*Rum Runners* is a popular haunt for scuba divers returning from their morning and afternoon dives. The outdoor bar and restaurant is run by J.A.D.S. Dive Center, hence there is no shortage of fish tales being told around the bar by divers. Maureen, a Baby Beach icon, serves up a heaping helping of island sunshine along with amazing mojitos. For lunch, the fresh grouper creole sandwich is a must, but their burgers also hit the spot.

#### Midafternoon

Heading back the way we came, but before going back to San Nicolas, we'll pop over to *Boca Grandi* to spend the afternoon. Boca Grandi has permanently entered into the lexicon of both local and international kitesurfers. The beach, characterized by undulating sand dunes kept in place by low-lying sea grapes, wraps around a bay where steady winds and a small, rolling surf beckon advanced kitesurfers to ply their hobby. The water at Boca Grandi is rough enough, though, to require strong swimming skills.

#### Late Afternoon/Sunset

It's time to head back towards the hotel areas. Just as we enter Oranjestad, *Surfside Beach* is on the left, formed by *Paarden Bay*. This is a great spot to capture an Aruban sunset and reflect on the beauty of our Caribbean paradise. ■

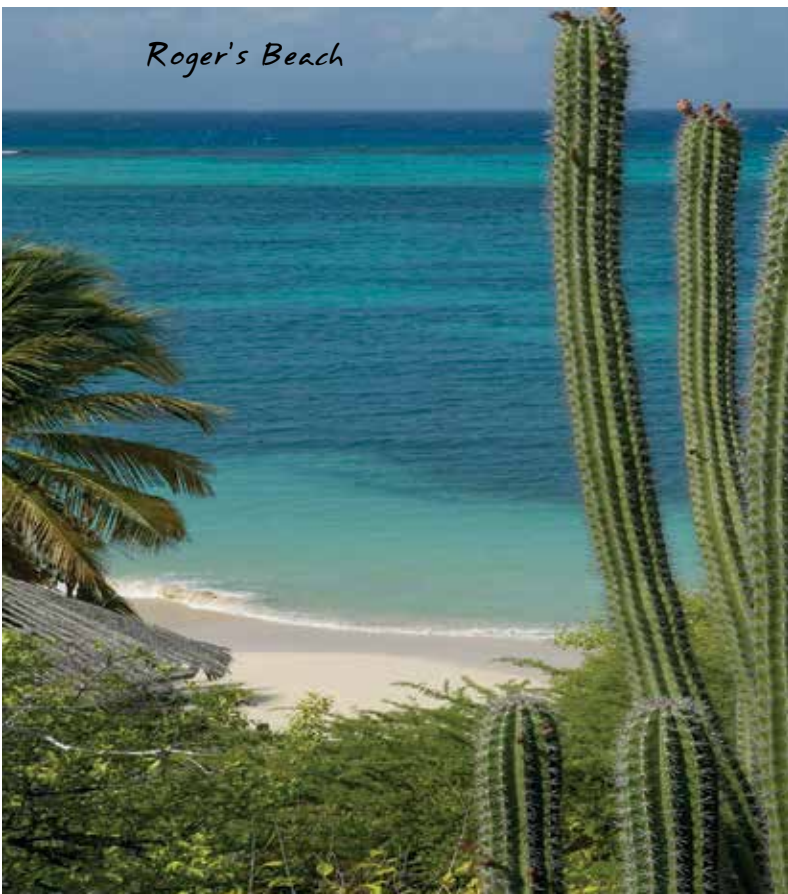
*Baby Beach*



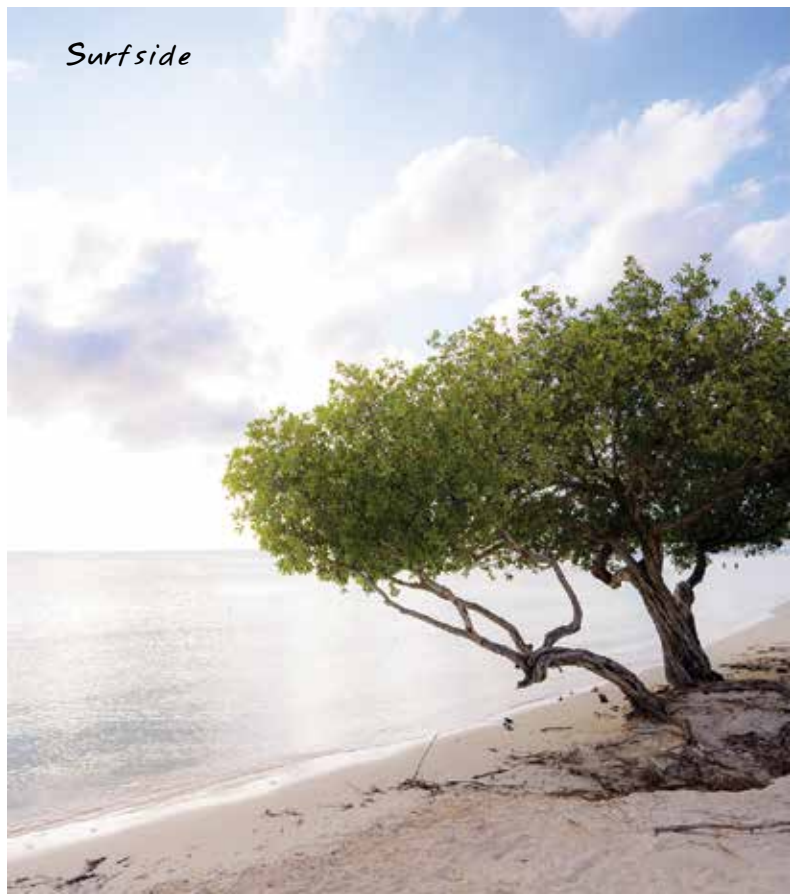
*Boca Grandi*



*Roger's Beach*



*Surfside*





# What's New?!

Many of Aruba's guests return year after year. So what's new since you were last here? We saw many new arrivals in 2015, and included here are some of our favorites to add to your 2016 vacation itinerary.

## Divi's Windows on Aruba and Mulligan's Bar & Restaurant debut new menus

The Links at Divi Aruba's clubhouse, with spectacular views of the first and ninth holes on the golf course as well as the Caribbean Sea, is home to two distinct culinary experiences: the elegant Windows on Aruba and the casual yet contemporary Mulligan's Bar & Restaurant. The talented culinary team recently introduced seasonal menu additions to keep its offerings diverse and on-trend.

Windows on Aruba, known for its gracious island hospitality, stylish ambiance, and innovative cuisine and presentations, has a new menu revealing both contemporary and classic favorites in exciting food combinations. The menu features new appetizers like the tuna tataki and tomato carpaccio. It also reintroduces long-forgotten iconic favorites like oysters Rockefeller, wild mushroom pie, and veal Oscar with lobster meat, asparagus, Swiss chard, spinach, and kale. The duo concept, made popular by Windows on Aruba, retains its menu presence with duos like shrimp with escargots and crab cake with salmon. Seafood dishes include catches like sea bass, salmon, crab, shrimp, twin lobster tails, and swordfish served in generous portions and graced by contemporary escorts such as coconut black rice, asparagus, red quinoa, baby rainbow potatoes, truffle mashed potatoes, and baby bok choy.

Among other deliciously interesting combinations are the Chateaubriand with chimichurri sauce and yucca fries, and the Kurobuta pork chop with apple-ginger chutney and bacon potatoes. The menu also features U.S. Angus beef, lamb, and duck dishes.

Down at Mulligan's, patrons can indulge in what Executive Corporate Chef Matt Boland calls the star of the show—fresh pizza from the stone oven. A special herb-and-garlic dough is made daily in the pastry shop, then hand-rolled à la minute and baked with guests' choices of toppings. New pasta dishes are partnered with Divi's signature baked garlic cheese loaf with marinara dip.

Those seeking healthier, lighter diversions will enjoy Mulligan's healthy twist on spinach and artichoke dip—prepared with Greek yogurt. Healthy wraps, salads (topped with waistline-friendly choices like salmon, tuna, and grouper), and vegetarian dishes are also showcased on the menu.



## Local arts and crafts store Cosecha opens in historic downtown location

Taking home an authentic piece of Aruba can now be ensured with a one-stop shopping experience. Arts and crafts store Cosecha recently opened, featuring locally made arts and crafts certified by the national seal of craftsmanship, Seyo Nacional pa Artesania, established by the government of Aruba through the Department of Culture.

Cosecha is located downtown at Zoutmanstraat 1 in a recently restored 100-year-old historic building, across from the historic Protestant church. Cosecha, meaning “harvesting,” reflects the diversification of the Aruban craft heritage and our artisans.

Operating hours are Monday from noon to 6pm, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 6pm, closed Sunday. Reach Cosecha by email at [arubacosecha@gmail.com](mailto:arubacosecha@gmail.com), by phone at +(297) 587-8709, or visit the website at [www.arubacosecha.com](http://www.arubacosecha.com).



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# What's New?!

Aruba crowns new Iron Chef, Iron Bartender, and Jr. Wine Sommelier for 2016



The much-anticipated and sold-out event, Iron Chef Aruba (produced by *Island Temptations* magazine as the finale for the Aruba Tourism Authority's Eat Local Restaurant Week), was held at the end of 2015 at Divi's Alhambra Ballroom, with three of Aruba's top chefs vying for the title. Executive Chef Stephen Toevs from The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba, Executive Chef Teddy Bouroncle from the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, and Executive Chef Ever de Pena from Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa competed for top honors.

Tasked with creating three courses with mystery basket ingredients that included leaves from the local moringa tree, cape gooseberries, black quinoa, kimchi, lamb sirloin, local pumpkin, figs, wonton wrappers, and local basil, among other challenging ingredients, Chef Teddy Bouroncle from the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, assisted by apprentices Danvid Webb and Brian Martinez, wowed judges Jeff Lesker (seasoned hotelier and current general manager of the Hilton El San Juan Resort in Puerto Rico), Joyce Husken (chef and owner of Yemanja Woodfired Grill in Aruba), and guest celebrity chef Ruth Van Waerebeek (brand ambassador and house chef for Chile's famed Concha y Toro Winery).





### **Bartenders' Brawl**

Prior to dinner, guests enjoyed a cocktail hour downstairs at Fusion Wine Bar, where the Iron Chef Bartenders' Brawl was contested. Top local bartenders Sandro Tromp from White Modern Cuisine (representing spirit distributor Romar Trading Company), Zulay Duran with the Gianni's Restaurant Group (representing Arion Wine Company), and Danny van der Linden with Hollywood Smokehouse (representing Pepia Est.) were tasked with creating and presenting an original cocktail, which was voted on by guests of Iron Chef Aruba.

Receiving the most votes, Hollywood Smokehouse's Danny van der Linden won top honors as the island's top mixologist. His winning cocktail, The Aruba Aloe, was a perfectly balanced cocktail made with Sauza Tequila, fresh cucumber soda, aloe juice, agave, and fresh mint, and uniquely garnished with aloe caviar.



### **Junior Wine Sommelier**

During dinner, guests happily devoured a four-course meal prepared by the Divi Resorts culinary team under the direction of Executive Chef Gerard Coste. Each course was paired with wine by young, up-and-coming wine professionals competing during the event for the honor of Junior Wine Sommelier. Representing Pepia Est. was Jimmy Koopman. Arion Wine Company fielded Reinier Maduro, and Fernanda Jimenez represented Romar Trading. Wine expert Franz Sydow judged the competitors' pairing creativity, ultimately finding the pairings of Jimmy Koopman with Pepia Est. as the best overall.



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# What's New?!



Aruba Wine Club

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## New adventures await at De Palm Island

De Palm Island's all-inclusive experience offers something for everyone. Guests can enjoy a waterpark playground with six water slides, banana boat rides, snorkeling in both shallow waters and along one of Aruba's most vibrant coral reefs, organized beach games and activities, and even salsa lessons. This past summer, two more thrilling attractions were added and are included in the all-inclusive price.

Aruba's first zip line is now on De Palm Island, sending guests gliding 460 feet along the island while enjoying breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea. The adrenaline factor kicks up a notch with the new Extreme Air Jumpers. Feel what it's like to soar some 25 feet into the air on this award-winning, bungee-style attraction.

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# What's New?!



## Boardwalk Small Hotel features talented local artists

Aruba's award-winning boutique hotel, Boardwalk Small Hotel, commissioned three renowned local artists, Elisa Lejuez, Nigel Matthew, and Fernando Vermeer, to create unique pieces of art for each of the property's casitas. The artists drew their inspiration from the rich history of Boardwalk's location, namely, the coconut plantation. The artworks contribute to the island's rich heritage and showcase local talent. Claudia Ruiz-Vasquez, Boardwalk's designer, led the art project and made sure the artwork seamlessly integrated with Boardwalk's overall design concept.



## InselAir Aruba introduces Puerto Rico flight

InselAir Aruba has been the go-to airline for travel to Curacao, Bonaire, several South American destinations, Miami, and Charlotte. InselAir Aruba is now offering nonstop service to and from San Juan, Puerto Rico, every Thursday and Sunday. Flights can be booked locally on Aruba at the InselAir ticket office, local travel agents, or online at [www.fly-inselair.com](http://www.fly-inselair.com).

## Champions' new menu and look are a home run!

Champions Sports Bar, located in Marriott's Ocean Club, recently underwent a renovation to completely modernize the restaurant's interior. As a bonus, new zest was added to the menu. The new menu boasts a wide variety of options to please everyone at the table and takes diners beyond standard sports bar fare. Salad lovers rejoice—there are five salads on the menu, including the Thai beef salad with a tangy lime-coriander chili dressing. Gourmet “handhelds” include Baja fish tacos and a turkey Reuben with sauerkraut, Swiss, and the requisite Thousand Island dressing. Feast on a 100% ground Angus burger—there are several to choose from—and the traditionalist will be pleased to find mainstays like nachos, sliders, and several varieties of wings.



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